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Subject: Creation of two new provinces in the Dominican Republic.

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State,
Washington.

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Sir:

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I have the honor to report that two new provinces are to be created in the Dominican Republic by subdividing the present Provinces of Bahoruco and Monte Cristi.

By Law no. 1892 of December 29, 1948, as modified by Laws no. 1916 of January 28, 1949 and no. 1994 of May 13, 1949, the western portion of the Province of Bahoruco will become the Province of Independencia on January 1, 1950. There seems to have been some difficulty in arriving at an appropriate name for this new political entity, for the original law provided for the name of "Jimani", the first amendment for the name "Nueva Era", and the May 13 amendment arrived at "Independencia".

By Law no. 1892 of December 29, 1948, as amended by Law no. 1995 of May 13, 1949, the southern wing of the Province of Monte Cristi will become the Province of Santiago Rodriguez. This was originally scheduled for January 1, 1950, but the May 13 amendment postponed the effective date until January 1, 1951.

When the two new provinces are created, the total number of major political subdivisions in the Dominican Republic will be 21, consisting of 20 provinces and the District of Santo Domingo.

Respectfully yours,

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